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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-9 are amended.

Entry of the above-amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application. The above amendment revises the application as translated into English to be in a format more closely corresponding to that customarily employed in US patent practice, to eliminate multiple dependent claims. None of the revisions in the amendment are intended to be more narrowing.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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